

RADIO STAMPS

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Introduction

Hello, welcome to another edition of "Radio Stamps". My name is Neil Carleton and I'm your host for this new feature on HCJB. "Radio Stamps" is a monthly program all about the fun of collecting stamps from around the world on the topic of radio. There are dozens of radio subjects you can collect on stamps, and they include radio stations, amateur radio and radio listening, to name just a few. Collecting radio stamps is another great way to enjoy the radio hobby.

Regular features on this program include descriptions and checklists of stamps you can collect, discussions of radio subjects on stamps, and answers to listeners questions. There will also be contests to win radio stamps for your collection.

I hope you'll join me each month, here on HCJB. I also hope you'll write to me with your comments and news for the program. I'll give you my mailing address at the end of this feature.

Radio Stamps Bibliography

This program is the fourth in the series. On today's feature the subject is collecting radio programs on stamps.

Before I start, just a final reminder that I've prepared a bibliography for you on radio stamps that's available worldwide for return postage. Although it will be available during the year, I'll substitute my reminders about it in future programs for more news about stamps you can collect. This introduction to the hobby is a listing of all the published references I know about on radio stamps. It includes the 32 different radio subjects you can find. Many of the articles, in stamps and radio publications, include checklists of radio stamps you can collect. Other articles were written to help you start and enjoy a collection of radio stamps.

If you'd like a copy of this bibliography, please send me a business-size, self-addressed envelope, with Canadian postage, or international reply coupons. If you live in Canada, I'll need \$0.61 in Canadian postage. If you live in the United States, I'll need \$0.65 in Canadian postage, or 2 reply coupons. If you

live in another part of the world, I'll need \$1.17 in Canadian postage, or 2 reply coupons. I'll give you my mailing address shortly, at the end of this program.

Radio Programs on Stamps

On previous programs I've talked about about the fun of collecting radio stamps, including the subjects of radio stations and amateur radio on stamps. Today's feature is an introduction to collecting radio programs on stamps.

There is a fascinating variety of postage stamps that illustrate radio programs in progress. There are stamps too which commemorate, or feature, specific radio programs.

Here are a few examples of radio programs on stamps you can add to your collection on the topic of radio. In 1960, on June 30, Belgium issued a commemorative stamp for the independence of the Congo. It shows two Congolese announcers at the microphone during the independence day broadcast. Another African program underway on a stamp is illustrated by Guinea on October 28, 1969, with a denomination of 17 francs. It features a male announcer with headphones at the control panel during a program. Other radio studios and announcers are shown on stamps issued by Anguilla, Burundi, Czechoslovakia and Laos, for example.

There are even stamps that were issued to illustrate specific radio programs. Here's a partial list: Ascension Island, 1982 - King George V delivering the first BBC Christmas radio broadcast; Japan, 1978 - 50th anniversary of the radio gymnastics program; Sweden, 1974 - Sven Jerring's children's program.

Checklist Available

If you'd like an illustrated checklist of stamps on the subject of radio programs, please write to me with your request. Please remember to include a business-size envelope with the Canadian postage, or international coupons.

Conclusion

This brings me to end of today's program. I'd be pleased to receive your comments and news for future programs. Your help is needed to create an international network of radio stamp reporters. Details on how you can participate are included in my bibliography.

As promised, here's my mailing address: Neil Carleton, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, KOA 1A0, Canada. My address again is

Until the next time, best wishes for good listening and collecting.